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Chair David Price
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
2358-A Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Ranking Member Mario Diaz-Balart
Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing
and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Price and Ranking Member Diaz-Balart:

Thank you for your work on the fiscal year 2023 appropriations legislation. I respectfully request funding for the following projects in Tennessee's second congressional district:

1. **Project Name:** YWCA Knoxville & the Tennessee Valley Jenny Boyd Keys of Hope Women's Program
Project Address: 420 W. Clinch Ave. Knoxville, TN 37902
Project Description: YWCA requests funding to support the expansion of the Jenny Boyd Keys of Hope Program for Women through renovation and preservation of its historic Clinch Avenue building in downtown Knoxville. Constructed in 1925 to provide housing for women in need, YWCA Downtown Center on Clinch Avenue has never undergone a significant renovation. The building has outdated mechanical systems, disintegrating plumbing, substantial energy inefficiency, crumbling walls, and is not fully disability-accessible. Plans are in place to renovate and preserve the nearly 100-year-old building, which is vital to the program's success given its access to social services, public transportation to employment, and a safe environment. Keys of Hope is proven to stop the cycle of homelessness and restore women to a productive life. Expansion and renovation of this building will increase the program's capacity, improve efficiency, prevent homelessness, and preserve an historic landmark in the heart of downtown Knoxville.
Amount Requested: \$4,000,000
Account: HUD – Community Planning & Development – Economic Development Initiatives
2. **Project Name:** Blount County Greenway
Project Address: US-321 & Helton Road. to US-321 & Melrose Station Road
Project Description: The Blount County Highway Department requests funding to complete a three-mile section of a greenway that is part of a planned 14-mile greenway from Maryville to Townsend. The Blount County Greenway will connect Heritage Middle and High School to Perry's Mill.
Amount Requested: \$3,420,800
Account: DOT – Federal Aid Highways: Highway Infrastructure Programs
3. **Project Name:** Knoxville's Community Development Corporation Veterans' Permanent Supportive Housing
Project Address: 0 Division Street, Knoxville, TN 37919; parcel ID: 107DA001
Project Description: Knoxville's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) requests funding for construction of a new, 30-unit affordable Veterans' Permanent Supportive Housing development in Knoxville, TN. The new, one-bedroom residential units within this project will serve low-income veterans. Specifically, these residential units will serve veterans who qualify for VASH (Veteran Affairs Supportive Housing) or who qualify as a low-income veteran. Most residential units will offer project-based rental subsidies to ensure that veterans with little or no income can still be housed. The project will include a leasing office as well as offices for VA case management and other wrap-around social service providers on-site. This project will help to reduce the number of unsheltered veterans in Knoxville who do not currently have access to veteran-focused wrap-around communities in the area.
Amount Requested: \$2,000,000
Account: HUD – Community Planning & Development – Economic Development Initiatives

4. **Project Name:** Magnolia Avenue Streetscape Phase 4
Project Address:
Project Description: The City of Knoxville requests funding to construct streetscape improvements in a historically low-income community to encourage private investment. Improvements include raised medians replacing center left-turn lane, signal improvements, bike lines, improved sidewalks, and transit stops. Federal funding will be directed towards preliminary engineering and NEPA, design, ROW, and construction phases. The funds requested will provide key support for Phase 4 of 5 Phases along a key east west commercial and residential corridor in Knoxville, Tennessee, classified as a designated Opportunity Zone. The public infrastructure investment includes reconstructing the roadway for pedestrian access, new lighting, traffic signal upgrades, landscaping, transit stops; and replacing the existing sidewalks and curbs.
Amount Requested: \$6,500,000
Account: HUD – Community Planning & Development – Economic Development Initiatives
5. **Project Name:** Knoxville South Waterfront Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge
Project Address: Clancy Avenue on the south to the pedestrian concourse on the north, located between Thompson-Boling Arena and Pratt Pavilion at The University of Tennessee.
Project Description: The City of Knoxville requests funding for the planning and environmental phases of a new pedestrian/bicycle bridge over the Tennessee River connecting the South Knoxville Waterfront redevelopment area to the University of Tennessee (UT). The bridge was identified as a key investment through the extensive community driven process to support greater connectivity to UT and downtown. The bridge will provide efficient, sustainable access to jobs, services, work, and school while maximizing pedestrian and bicycle safety across the river. Additionally, this bridge will connect an area of South Knoxville that is historically a mix of industrial and low-income residences. UT, City of Knoxville, and Knox County are working collaboratively with various property owners to secure all the required agency, environmental, utility, and transportation approvals.
Amount Requested: \$500,000
Account: DOT – Federal Aid Highways: Highway Infrastructure Programs

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in the above projects. Thank you for your consideration of these community project funding requests that will benefit all residents of East Tennessee.

Sincerely,



Tim Burchett

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